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Seven Keys TO Baldpate

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Mr. Magee walked about the room. The professor turned so that he could see him. "You're not in the least bit nervous, are you?" he asked. "No, sir," replied Mr. Magee. "I'm just a little nervous about my first plan of leaving upon this morning." "I suppose," he said, "your love of fresh air accounts for the stroll on the balcony at all hours of the night?" "The old man merely blinked at him. 'I haven't slept,' Magee continued. 'I just wanted to make my apology that all. It was unjust of me. Mr. Magee—that is hardly your line. In the way, were you by any chance in my room this morning, Professor Baldpate?'

"Silence," said the professor. "I don't answer, if I do not answer, in this very essay on—on hairs, Montaigne."

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"I'm sure," she said softly, "that if I ever do say it—oh, no, I don't say it would"—for he had seized her hands quickly—"if I ever do say it—it will certainly be promptly. But now—you don't even know my name—my right one. You don't know what I do nor where I come from nor what I want with this disgusting bundle of money. I sort of feel, you know, that this is in the air at Baldpate even in the winter time. No sooner have the men come than they begin to talk of love—to whatever girls they find here—on this very balcony—down there under the trees. And the girls listen, for it's in the air, that's all. Then autumn comes, and everybody laughs and forgets. May not our autumn come—when I go away?"

"Never," cried Magee. "This is no summer hotel affair to me. It's a real winter and summer love, my dear. In spring and fall and when you go away I'm going to be about ten feet behind."

"Yes," she laughed, "they talk that way at Baldpate—the last weeks of summer. It's part of the game." They had come to the side of the hotel on which was the annex, and the girl stopped and pointed. "Look!" she whispered breathlessly.

In the window of the annex had appeared for a moment a flickering yellow light.

"I know," said Mr. Magee. "There's somebody in there. But that isn't important in comparison. This is no summer affair, dear. I love you, and when you go away I shall follow."

"And the book?"

"I have found better inspiration than Baldpate has."

"You forget," said the girl, "you only know who has the money."

"I will get it," he answered confidently. "Something tells me I will, until I do I am content to say no more."

"Goodbye," said the girl. She stood in the window of her room, while a harsh voice called, "That you, dearie!" from inside. "And I may add," she smiled, "that in my profession a following is considered quite desirable."

She disappeared, and Mr. Magee, after a few minutes in his room, descended again to the office. In the center of the room Elijah Quimby and Hayden stood face to face.

"What is it, Quimby?" asked Magee.

"I was just reminding Mr. Hayden," Quimby said, his teeth set, an angry light in his eyes. "That the last time we met he ordered me from his office. I told you, Mr. Magee, that the Suburban railway once promised to make use of my invention. Then Mr. Kendrick went away, and this man took charge. When I came around to the office again he laughed at me. When I came the second time he called me a loafer and ordered me out."

"Well?" asked Hayden.

"And now," Quimby went on, "I find you trespassing in a hotel left in my care—the tables are turned. I ought to show you the door. I ought to put you out."

"Try it," sneered Hayden.

"No," answered Quimby. "I ain't going to do it. Maybe it's because I've grown timid, brooding over my failure. And maybe it's because I know who's got the seventh key."

Hayden made no reply. No one stirred for a minute, and then Quimby moved away, and went out through the dining room door.

The seventh key, Mr. Magee thrilled at the mention of it. So Elijah Quimby knew the identity and the mission of the man who hid in the annex. Did any one else? Magee looked at the broad expanse of the mayor's face, at the ancient lemon of Max's, at Bland's, frightened and thoughtful, at Hayden's, concerned but smiling. Did any one else know? Ah, yes, of course. Down the stairs the professor of comparative literature felt his way to food.

"Is dinner ready?" he asked, peering about.

The candles flickered weakly as they fought the stronger shadows. Winter roared at the windows. Somewhere above a door crashed shut. Close to its final scene drew the drama at Baldpate Inn. Mr. Magee knew it; he could not have told why. The others seemed to know it too. In silence they waited while the hermit scurried along his dim way preparing the meal. In silence they sat while Miss Norton and her mother descended. Once there was a little flurry of interest when Miss Thornhill and Hayden met at the foot of the stairs.

"Myra!" Hayden cried. "In heaven's name, what does this mean?"

"Unfortunately," said the girl, "I know—all it means."

And Hayden fell back into the shadows.

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the untold millions who have died from the numerous pestilences which have visited death upon mankind; then, and not until then, can we begin to appreciate what the patient man of the microscope has wrought in humanity's behalf," writes William Joseph Showalter, in an article on "Redeeming the Tropics," sent to the National Geographic Society at Washington, D. C. The writer paints a glorious picture of the future when the tropics, freed of ravishing diseases, will be taking their part in the sustenance and development of the world.

Helpless and Appalled

"How can the mind conceive of the terrible toll epidemic diseases would take today, with our world-wide commerce, with our metropolitan and cosmopolitan cities, and with the constant commingling of the people of all lands, were it not for preventive measures?" continues Mr. Showalter. "For hundreds of years man stood helpless and appalled in the face of the onset of great epidemics. As early as the middle of the last century visited with deaths more horrible than ever torture chamber could invent, but not knowing whence the affliction came or whither it went. He surmised and guessed, and finally saw a certain relation between dirt and disease, and gradually the elimination of dirt checked the ravages of some epidemic diseases."

The writer then reviews the results of the discovery of the part taken by the mosquito in the carrying of yellow and malarial fever germs, the fleas on rats and ground squirrels in the transmission of bubonic plague, the testaceous and more recently the body louse as the typhus agent. The ordinary house-fly has been christened the "typhoid fly." Typhoid vaccination and the purification of the water supplies are described; Panama, Cuba, Porto Rico, Brazil, Italy, India, and Philippines and many other tropical countries have been redeemed from their various scourges.

To Reclaim Vast Lands.

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"The discoveries that have brought about this era of control of tropical diseases have a deeper significance than would appear upon the surface. Here, indeed, lies the hope of the world's future food supply. Meanwhile, with the restrictions imposed by disease removed, tides of immigration might set into the tropics, population will be broad enough to reach both man and beast, the great plains of the highlands in the tropics will be converted into vast cattle ranches, where cattle can be brought to the stock cattle stage and then shipped to the temperate climates for feeding and finishing, thus adding to the world's meat supply to the extent of billions of pounds."

Benefits to the Race.

"And what benefits these times must bring to the race! New blood in the tropics is needed. The suns of centuries have burned out much of the initiative, the easy methods of gaining a livelihood have taken out much of the thrift, and the lazy ways of the tropics have eliminated much of the natural love of cleanliness of the people."

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IMMORALITY

Is Charge Against Man and Woman and They Must Leave the City.

Myrtle Kitchell and George Fritz were ordered to leave the city when arraigned before Mayor Will H. Cole in police court Sunday morning on a charge of assembling for immoral purposes. They were arrested near Glen Elk bridge No. 2 Saturday night by Officers Sappington, Joyce and Nichols, after the police had been summoned from headquarters by a telephone call from a resident of the vicinity. Both the man and woman were strangers and promised to leave the city on the next train.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
The William McNemar that was recently found guilty of highway robbery is not the William McNemar, the plumber.
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